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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>60,469-250; OT-5166</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US03/24542		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/564873</b>
INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 6 August 2003		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
TITLE OF INVENTION Shock Absorbing Hitch		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Richard Fargo; Richard L. Hollowell		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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Independent claims	2	- 3 =	x \$200	\$	0
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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by ½.					
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$	300.00
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<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$	300.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$	0
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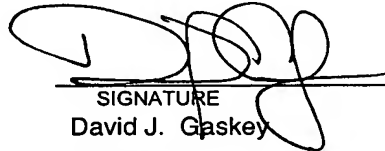
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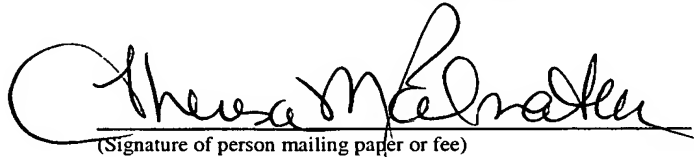
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